AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD," with --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-- in line 5 on page 1 of the specification.

Please insert the heading -- I. Technical Field --, in line 6 on page 1 of the specification.

Please replace the heading "BACKGROUND ART," with --II. Description of Related Art-- in line 16 on page 1 of the specification.

Please replace the heading "DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION," with --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- in line 14 on page 3 of the specification.

Please replace the heading "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION," with –DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION-- in line 22 on page 8 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 16 and ending on page 24 at line 9, as follows:

Fig. 8 shows another embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, the shaft member 2 has a composite structure made of a resin and a metal. The resin part includes an inner shaft portion 22 extending in the axial direction and the flange portion 2b extending in the radially outward direction from the inner shaft portion 22, which are integrally formed. An outer shaft portion 22 covering the outer periphery of the inner shaft portion 22 is made of a metal material, for example, stainless ~~steal~~ steel excellent in wear resistance in a cylindrical hollow shape. It is possible to use PEEK, PPS, LCP, 9T nylon or the like as a resin material. A filler, such as a glass fiber, a carbon fiber or an electric conducting agent, is blended with the above-described base resin above as needed. In the case where the carbon fiber is used, in particular, it

is preferred to blend a PAN carbon fiber having a mean fiber diameter of 1 to 12 μm and a mean fiber length of 100 to 500 μm at a blending rate of 5 to 30 vol% with the base resin.